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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN PHOSPHATE DISCOVERY

1. PRESS REPORTS OF FEBRUARY 6 CARRY REPORT THAT ARMED FORCES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (COFADENA) ANNOUNCED DISCOVERY OF A PHOSPHATE DEPOSIT IN EASTERN BOLIVIA ON THE BORDER WITH BRAZIL. DEPOSIT IS IN LAGOON MANDIORE AND REPORTEDLY CONTAINS 20 MILLION MT OF PHOSPHATE. PART OF LAGOON IS IN BRAZIL (NORTH OF CORUMBA). ESTIMATE OF RESERVES BASED ON STUDY DONE BY BRASILIAN INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH. COFADENA INTENDS TO CONFIRM BARSILIAN STUDY.

2. COFADENA SAID IT WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP DEPOSIT IN COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL. DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE PART OF GENERAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR BOLIVIAN SOUTHEAST CALLED POLO DEL DESARROLLO DEL SUDESTE. IT WILL ALSO BE LINKED TO COFADENA RANCHING PROJECT CALLED LA GAIBA (LA PAZ 969).

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